

Personal News, Facts, Fancies and Brief Happenings Abroad as Told by the Cables

THIRTY WOMEN MAKE
RACE FOR COMMONS

Lady Astor Appears to Have
Best Chance of Feminine
Candidates.

WETS OPPOSE HER

Keeps Secret Preference as
Regards Bonar Law or
Lloyd George.

STRONG FOR COALITION

Lady Wintringham Only
Other Who Has Good Pros-
pect of Victory.

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The coming election has brought more women than ever into the field, but Lady Astor is still the most prominent and has an excellent chance of being returned by Plymouth and continuing as the champion of the woman's cause in the House of Commons. She is tremendously popular with her constituency despite the expensive campaign of the liquor interests to unseat her before she gets a chance to lead her fight for the license control bill. She is a Conservative and a staunch coalitionist, but she is not the Bonar Law and Lloyd George camps, but she is keeping mum on her policy until she opens her campaign.

Lady Wintringham is the only other woman in Parliament, and she likewise has a good chance of victory.

Few Others Show Strength.

None of the remaining field of twenty-eight thus far is showing great strength. With one or two exceptions all are standing for seats which must be won over for their party. Many of them have exceptional ability, but the politicians, though particularly attentive to the women in this campaign, expect to win no more than a couple reach Westminster.

Lady Cooper has been given great encouragement by her husband's constituency of Walsall. Among the others most prominent are Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Miss Eleanor Rathbone, Mrs. Corbett-Ashley and Lady Howard Stenney. The last named is anxious to succeed her father, who is running as an Independent, in Llanelli, to keep up the family tradition.

Miss Bellew's Pledge.

Wells is making education his main plank, but Miss Bellew, if elected, to quit the stage altogether to make the home a fit place for women to live in. Men are at right when it comes to the far flung battle line, but the new Parliament is more likely to be concerned with what is closely hung on to the cloth.

With the change in Government society's interests have turned to Lady Sykes, the wife of Sir Frederick Elder and daughter of Mr. Bonar Law, who was the duke's daughter-in-law in Downing Street. The Prime Minister's second daughter, Catherine, is still in her teens.

Lady Sykes was married two years ago. She is tall and dignified and has fair hair. A new social tone is expected, which probably will be a conservative middle course between Aquilino and the Lloyd Georgean home circle.

J. P. MORGAN VISITS
MEMORIAL TO FATHER

American Academy at Rome
to Honor Charles McKim.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, who are spending a fortnight here, to the American Academy, the main building of which is a memorial to late J. Pierpont Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan inspected the various studies, examining the work of the Fellows of the Academy, and admiring the fountain in the central court, designed by Paul Manship, a former member.

D'Annunzio Has Written
2,500 Miles of Poetry

STATISTICIANS who have been making frenzied calculations of Gabriele d'Annunzio's prodigious productivity as a writer estimate that if his words were put line to line of type they would reach over a distance of 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles). D'Annunzio has written more than the average man reads in a lifetime, his total production now being more than 21,000,000 lines of prose and poetry, or 1,000 lines daily for forty years.

MARCEL IN LONDON
OPENS HAIR DISPLAY

Wizard of Waving Says Bob-
bing Was Merely War Time
Measure.

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To the strains of the "Marseillaise" and the cheers of several hundred humble admirers, a little bald headed Frenchman with a beautifully waved white beard was received at Horticultural Hall as though he were a king. It was Henry Marcel, the wizard of hair waving, who came to open the hairdressers' exhibition. He was lionized as a genius and rewarded by countless grateful smiles from the women.

The suspicion grew that the little man practiced his art on himself, but when he caught so many admiring glances directed toward his beard he explained politely that it carried the only natural Marcel wave in existence. He said that it was like his mother's hair, which in early youth inspired him to emancipate the great majority of women from curlers and curling tongs.

Much of the space at the exhibition was taken up with waving apparatus, which Marcel after looking over declared was all no good. He said that no machine could accomplish such an artistic coiffure as that which is arranged by hand. He also confessed that his hair was not as good as it once was. Marcel said it was merely a war time measure.

But the latest thing in coiffures takes no cognizance of the elaborate waves which Marcel has made famous and rich. Fashion ordains that the hair must be sleek and even oily and tidily brushed so as to show the shape of the head and knotted at the neck. But Marcel is not alarmed. He says that fashion may come and go but every woman in her heart yearns for wavy hair.

CZAR'S WINES SOLD
IN TWO PARIS CAFES

Champagne Firms Say Corks
Prove Imperial Stock.

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Drinking the finest champagne and selected champagnes which only a few months ago filled the late Czar's private cellars is the latest pastime offered to the visiting newly rich by two Paris boulevard cafes.

Although the Soviets insist that the stock has not been touched and that it still is awaiting sale to any millionaires who love wine, champagne firms in Rheims and Epernay insist that the capsules and corks on the stock now being sold are the same as those reserved for Nicholas before the war and was selected from the best France had to offer. Only a few bottles are said to be available, however, and these are selling for as high as 500 francs each.

According to a salesman they were smuggled from Russia with a boat load of caviar, from a Crimean port, but if the public pays the price there are at least 500,000 bottles ready to follow the same route.

BERNSTEIN'S THREAT
ANGERS PARIS PAPER

To Cut Off Tickets Because
Critics Did Not Praise Play.

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When does a critic cease to be a critic is a question which is exciting theatrical and newspaper circles in Paris following the threat made by Henri Bernstein that he will no longer give free tickets to the Fisher brothers, critics of the Liberte, because they do not praise his "Judith" as heartily as the other guests he had invited to the dress rehearsal.

The editor of the paper on the other hand threaten to revolutionize French criticism by making the critics the sovereigns of their department irrespective of whether the playwright and theater advertise heavily or any other personal considerations.

FRENCH RAILWAY MEN
BECOME ABSTAINERS

Form Society, Members Drink-
ing Only Beer.

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William E. Johnson, American prohibition leader, has at last got a wedge into France, and strangely enough the anti-alcohol movement, as was the case in the United States, is getting its biggest impetus from railroad men.

The Society of Railway Abstinents held a conference this week at which M. Le Troquer, Minister of Public Works, announced that this organization, which was constantly ridiculed a year ago, now had nearly a thousand members not of whom drinks anything stronger than beer, even wine being precluded as likely to develop nervousness and thereby interfering with responsible work.

FRENCH MOUSTES
COPY EGYPTIANS

Discard Decollete Gowns for
Diaphanous Slips of Bright
Colors.

PLAQUES COVER BREAST

Gem Studded Metallic Plates
Recall Vogue of Cleo-
patra's Days.

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When the French style experts decreed early this fall that extreme decollete would no longer be considered proper for ballroom gowns regardless of the shapeliness of shoulders and other charms so revealed, the dancers immediately began to cast around for a new vogue which would satisfy the popular admiration for feminine beauty.

They have found it at last in the ancient Egyptian costume and already fashionable dressmakers report that they are being deluged with orders for gowns which would make Ramees and others stare in surprise at staid modernity's sudden lapses.

The motif of these gowns is a diaphanous slip upon which are painted in bright colors Egyptian scenes and birds with occasional hieroglyphics to add to the mystery. With this is worn a head-dress of pearls fitting like a skull cap, with strings of more or less real gems hanging over the draped shoulders, so that even Dame Propriety couldn't find the slightest cause for objection.

But this has not satisfied the lovers of the sensational and it is proposed to renew the vogue of Cleopatra's days by wearing, back gem studded metallic plaques to cover the breast and give society functions the appearance of the ordinary streets of Cairo.

Those who have seen the new costume insist that while it is eminently fitting for the Latin Quarter jamborees or for the Folies Bergere, if it ever becomes popular it will be a tremendous test to the moral sense of the French colonial Hula-Hula exhibition just concluded at Marseilles and will be likely to arouse a police inquiry into the changing morals of the French capital.

WELSH WOMAN ARTIST
WILL PAINT HARDING

Coming to Execute Portrait
for English Speaking Union.

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Margaret Lindsay Williams, a Welsh portrait painter, informs THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent that she will depart for America at the end of the year with a commission to paint President Harding in the White House. The portrait will be hung in the presentation to the English Speaking Union. The artist, who is a member of the Union's rooms in Trafalgar square.

Miss Williams has the distinction of receiving the commission for the largest picture ordered by a woman artist. This is not yet completed, but will represent a Welsh service in Westminster Abbey a few years ago. The canvas, 10 by 16 feet, is to include the portraits of more than 180 representatives of Welsh men and women. Lord Glanely ordered the picture, which will be presented to Wales and hung in the National Museum in Cardiff.

CARE OF REFUGEES
PUZZLE TO FRENCH

Greeks and Armenians Still
on Vessels at Marseilles.

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France is in a quandary over what to do with the 2,000 Greek and Armenian refugees picked up at Smyrna by French vessels while the city was blazing and the lives of the foreigners were threatened. Instead of disembarking them at the first Greek port available, the marine laws required that they be brought to Marseilles, where they are still aboard the vessels, living at the expense of the French Government.

They are anxious to land and begin life anew and naturally would prefer to remain in France rather than return to the barren regions north of Saloniki, proposed by the Greek Government. Officially the French are very much anxious to have the refugees, but they may misinterpret this charitable care as a betrayal of the pro-Turk arrangement implied by Franklin Bouillon's agreement with the Ankara Government and in later accords with the Kemalists.

BARONESS MOTOR RACER
INSTEAD OF DRUG USER

Victim of Love Affair to Drive
in United States Contest.

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A victim of an unfortunate love affair, Baroness d'Avanzo, a Venetian beauty, seeks a novel method for forgetting her grief. She has entered as a contestant in the international automobile championship races at Indianapolis next May. The Baroness, who is now in Paris arranging to race on French tracks during the winter and spring, said to-day that she has broken the speed craze in preference to the cocaine habit as is usually done in high society.

"Besides an automobile can be a more faithful friend than any man," she said. She has been racing for two years. Last year in Italy a wheel slipped off her car. Investigation showed that it had been unbolted just before the race. "As a result I have always the impression that a wheel is coming off," said the Baroness, "and I find myself continually looking for a sympathetic corner in which I can meet death easily."

Vienna Reduces Taxation
On Charges by Hotels

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Vienna, Oct. 28.—A tax of 60 per cent. on the charges made by first-class hotels having proved disastrous to tourist traffic, the Municipal Council decided to reduce the tax to 40 per cent. during the winter season.

WEEP O'ER MEMORY
OF LARGEST PUNCH

Pall Mall and St. James's Sq.
Drinking Circles Observe
Anniversary.

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October 25 was an anniversary observed with much solemnity in the serious drinking circles of Pall Mall and St. James's square, where drinking can still be done with dignity worthy of the rite. It was the anniversary of the largest punch ever concocted. Mere two bottle retired admirals wept when they learned its proportions. Cocktail sipping subalterns—and oldtime port and whisky warriors can never regard cocktail addicts as anything but alphas—went so far as to exclaim: "My eye!"

The classic prototype of the now decadent art was constructed on an island of the Mediterranean on October 25, 1694, under the auspices of the then commander of his Majesty's forces in those blue seas, S. Edward Russell, Lord Orford.

The fragmentary account preserved in the annals of several clubs here does not mention the occasion for the celebration, but Lord Orford was a politician as well as a sailor, and the club servants, who are all Tories, opine that it may have been to mark the fall of the Lloyd George of that day.

Of course no punch bowl, in the usual sense, could serve, so the admiral commanded a lovely marble pool set in the midst of a garden. First the water was carefully drained and the marble scrubbed, and then, according to the historian, the following ingredients were poured in:

"Four hogheads of water, 25,000 lemons, twenty gallons of lime juice, thirteen hundredweight of fine white Lisbon sugar, five pounds of grated nutmeg, 500 toasted biscuits, one pipe of dry mountain Malaga." That the proportions might not be unduly influenced by the weather, "a canopy was built over the fountain to keep off the rain. And there was built for the purpose a little boat, in which was a boy to row the 'fleet,' who rowed around the fountain, all filled the cups of the company. In all probability more than 5,000 men drank thereof."

Patriotic Americans, hearing the story, erected in one Pall Mall club and refusing to share in the ceremonies of commemoration, as any patriotic American would feel called upon to do, a magnificent and very patriotic American would think that all those men who drank that punch were dead.

RELIEF SHIP MAKES
FIRST ROUND OF ISLES

The Marie Louise Supplies
Each Station for Month.

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Constantinople, Oct. 28.—The Marie Louise, a 3,000 ton ship chartered by the Near East Relief as a "floating warehouse" to supply its stations in the Greek islands, completed its first round trip to-day and is coming to Constantinople to obtain fresh supplies. The ship was of tremendous value in meeting the needs of the refugee camps, as it was able to carry a sufficient cargo to provide each station for more than a month.

It visited Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Rodosto and several smaller ports. The next trip will embrace Kavalla, Dedeaqatch, Salonika and Crete. It carried food, medical supplies, clothing, blankets and a variety of smaller relief necessities to a total value of \$200,000 under the direction of Arthur H. Troyon of Wilmington, N. C.

New funds for the relief of refugees established by the Near East Relief this week included those at Philadelphia, Va.; Dedeaqatch under H. A. Davidson of Columbus, Ohio; Kavalla under W. V. M. Wright of Philadelphia and Demetia under Stephen Lowe of St. Louis, Mo.

OLDEST GERMAN NOW A POLE.

Ased 117, Is Transferred With
Upper Silesia.

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BERLIN, Oct. 14.—Among other things awarded to Poland in the division of Upper Silesia was Germany's oldest man, a Pole, 117 years old, who was transferred to the province of Rybnik, now Polish territory. He has celebrated his 117th birthday.

Two hundred and fifteen of his children and children's children attended the ceremony.

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Donald H. Menzel, M. A., Graduate College, Princeton

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Waste of Foods Costly to All.

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Turks Make Counter Charges of Atrocities.

Perils of Contingent Fees.

ENVOYS IN BERLIN
LOSE THEIR HOMES

Ousted From Apartments for
Ignoring City Housing
Officials.

DIPLOMACY NOT IMMUNE

French, Italians, Belgians and
Spaniards Ejected and House-
holders Punished.

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A number of diplomatic representatives of France, Italy and Belgium have been forced out of their apartments in the fashionable suburb of Schoenberg as a result of having ignored the housing officials. According to the angry town council, the diplomats moved into any quarters where their money was acceptable, without consulting the housing officials, thus defeating the purpose of the housing ordinance.

Herr Moedlinger, the head of the housing committee, has been alternately fied and hired at every stormy session of the council, on proof or dismissal of charges of having connived with the alien usurpers.

Schoenberg officials also are hotly denouncing the Foreign Office, alleging that it backed up the diplomats in obtaining more space than was allowed under the housing law. Later the same space was given to a single German.

An Italian captain was the next victim, being ejected from a five room flat for force, whereupon the Foreign Office followed the regular procedure, first registering and then applying for a limited space.

STONE WALLS CRUMBLE
FROM CARBON DUST

American Buildings May Suf-
fer, as Do Paris Edifices.

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The research necessitated by the discovery that the stones of the celebrated Church of the Trinity, one of the striking edifices in Paris, were mysteriously crumbling has produced a novel explanation. Dr. Andre Kling, director of the municipal laboratory, which will be of interest in American industrial centers. Unless a method can be found to counteract what seems to be a strange chemical disintegration American landmarks may be affected as are the Trinity Church, the Cluny Museum and the carved walls and doorways of Notre Dame.

According to Dr. Kling in every industrial neighborhood a sort of carbon dust is deposited on the stone walls of buildings, which serves for the condensation of sulphuric acid in the atmosphere. This, becoming oxidized, is transformed into sulphuric acid, which acts directly on the stone, producing a powdery calcium sulphate. It is now proposed to devote the city's research fund to the discovery of a liquid with which to wash the fronts of public buildings and monuments so as to neutralize the effects of the sulphuric acid.

KREISLER FAIR FIDDLER,
POOR DIPLOMATIST

Sticks to Art and Raises \$500
for Berlin Philharmonic.

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Fritz Kreisler, the violinist, told THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent how he escaped being a diplomatist, like Faderewski, in behalf of Austria. It was at the end of a concert here whose sole purpose was to raise funds for the Philharmonic Orchestra, which was threatened with disbandment.

"It was hinted," he said, "that because of my dual knowledge of Austria and America I might have entered the service. The world considers me a pretty fair fiddler, but as a diplomatist I might have been very bad. I had better stick to my art."

Kreisler found the Philharmonic barely existing on a salary of \$150 a month for each man, and he decided to stage a big benefit, with the assistance of his wife and other American women. Although the boxes were auctioned off in true American style, the great hall was filled to overflowing, and the receipts reached a sum of marks equivalent to \$500—probably the smallest house the violinist ever played to.

HOUSE ON RUMANIAN
BORDER A PROBLEM

Children Need Passports to
Go to Parents' Rooms.

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BERLIN, Oct. 14.—The commission settling boundary lines between Rumania and Jugoslavia has not yet been able to solve a problem of a farmhouse, which stands on the border. The wife and husband's bedrooms are in Rumania, while the children sleep in Jugoslavia.

Theoretically all the family need passports and visas whenever they go from one part of the house to another. Both representatives on the commission were unwilling to expend the hours of their territory and as a result some of the shingles were removed and a painted border sign erected in the middle of the roof.

ITALIAN PAINTER
HELD AS FORGER

Police Find Man Who Has
Been Counterfeiting 30 Years.

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Counterfeit Italian and American bank notes, which have been attracting the attention of the police of southern Italy for the last year, have been traced to an Italian painter, Paolo Cipolla, who returned from the United States since the war.

An elaborate establishment for printing notes was discovered in Cipolla's apartment in Catania. He admitted counterfeiting for more than thirty years and has given the police evidence that has been long sought against other bogus money gangs operating on the Continent.

DENOUNCES MAN AS COWARD
WHO FEARED TO KILL HIM

Ragged German Workman Agreed to Do the Job but
Lost His Nerve and Instead Stole the Valuables
He Was to Get in Payment.

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The strangeness of truth as compared with fiction nearly cost the liberty of Herman Mueller, a ragged workman found in a midnight raid in possession of a purse containing thousands of marks, a gold watch and jewelry. The very disbelief of the court virtually won his freedom.

"It was crossing a lone some field," said Mueller, "when a well dressed man approached and said: 'I want to die, but I have not the nerve for suicide. You kill me and I will give you my pocketbook, my watch and jewelry.' I agreed. The rich man laid his purse and watch on a nearby stump and knelt so I could easily hit him on the head with a big field stone. While he was saying his last prayers I lost my courage, threw down the stone and ran with the valuables."

The jurors regarded the story with the utmost incredulity, and agreed that Mueller should be jailed for theft and perjury. But at that moment a juror fumbling with the purse found a card in the lining bearing the name of a factory owner. Summoned before the court, he confirmed the story in every detail. He said he contracted an incurable illness in the war and wanted to die, sparing his family the humiliation of suicide.

Then he turned to Mueller and asked him for his failure to drop the boulder where it would have the desired effect. "Coward!" he said indignantly as he left the court.

AUTOGRAPH FIENDS
BALK AT SEEING KING

Make Rush for Motor, but
Hold Back When George
V. Appears.

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London's little white way—even Londoners admit that Shaftsbury avenue does not have as many electric signs as Broadway—has become the happy hunting ground of autograph maniacs who wait on the spot and tackle the distinguished, semi-distinguished and popular persons as they arrive to attend first night performances.

They swarm about the doors and nearly smother the well known actors, actresses, sportsmen and politicians. The other evening just as one of the autograph seekers was bragging openly about having bagged a particularly popular actress playing in a theater a few doors away the crowd turned and made a rush for a quiet, dark colored limousine which was just drawing to the curb in front of that theater.

Then with one accord the crowd held back for there was no license number on the car and every one knew what that meant. From the motor stepped the King and a friend, accompanied by the Duke of Devonshire.

Held in town by the political crisis the King is having a free fling at all the theaters in the evening. The Queen is not so fond of the theater, but the King and he is taking this opportunity when he is in town to see all the shows he can.

FRENCH SURGEON WILL
OPERATE UNDER GLASS

Dr. Pauchet to Segregate Stud-
ents While Using Knife.

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By a new idea in operating rooms just perfected by Dr. Victor Pauchet, no longer will operations be conducted in a stifling atmosphere while a score of clinical students crowd around the table listening to the explanation of the head surgeon.

Dr. Pauchet has decided henceforth to separate himself from all students by a glass partition covering the entire operating space. It is now permitted merely to look down through the glass from elevated rows of benches. Opera glasses will be placed at their disposal for following delicate dissections.

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